CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2102
Monkton School
Monkton, Baltimore County
1873

The Monkton School is located in Monkton on Monkton Road in the Tenth District of Baltimore County. Designed by Thomas Dixon, the Monkton School was designated School 10, District 10 in the 1873 report. The contractor was Samuel Miller, chief businessman of Monkton at the time. It was a two-room school with a vestibule and measured 45 x 24 1/2 feet. In 1936, the Board of Education sold it for $500 to the Monkton M.E. Church, who used it as a meeting hall. It was then sold to the Isaiah Baptist Church. The Isaiah Baptist Church outgrew its original edifice and was offered the meeting hall used by the neighboring Monkton M.E. Church.

Facing northeast, the one-story masonry building rests on a raised random-rubble stone foundation and is capped with a front-gable roof. Originally measuring one bay across and 2 bays deep, the walls of this brick building are constructed in a six-course American bond. The façade of the school features a large gable-roof vestibule, which contains double-leaf replacement doors. Supporting the entryway is a half-round brick voussoir surround filled in with a weatherboard transom. The overhanging eaves of the church roofs are ornamented with an unusual brick corbeled cornice. Each elevation is detailed with stretcher bond brick buttresses. Each side elevation of the vestibule has one window opening both of which are covered with wood plank shutters. The remaining paired double-hung windows are replacement 6/6 vinyl sashes. The windows are supported with wood sills and wood lug lintels. Rising above the asphalt-shingle roof is one exterior-side brick capped chimney.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Monkton School
other	Isaiah Baptist Church

2. Location

street and number	1931 Monkton Road	___ not for publication
city, town	Monkton	___ vicinity
county	Baltimore County	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Isaiah Baptist Church of Monkton				
street and number				telephone	Not Available
city, town	Monkton	state	MD	zip code	21111

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	29/158
city, town	Towson	liber 7100	folio 291

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

___ Contributing Resource in National Register District
___ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
___ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Recorded by HABS/HAER
___ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
___ Other

6. Classification

Category
___ district
X building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
X private
___ both

Current Function
___ agriculture
___ commerce/trade
___ defense
___ domestic
___ education
___ funerary
___ government
___ health care
___ industry
___ landscape
___ recreation/culture
X religion
___ social
___ transportation
___ work in progress
___ unknown
___ vacant/not in use
___ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
1

7. Description

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Condition

___	excellent	___	deteriorated
_X_	good	___	ruins
___	fair	___	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Overlooking Monkton Road, the Monkton School sits at the crest of a small hill in the rural village of Monkton. Two paved asphalt driveways lead to the school from Monkton Road. They connect and circle around the building. At the rear of the property is a line a of trees and wire fence serving as the property line for the Isaiah Baptist Church, whom now occupies the Monkton School building.

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A two-bay deep flush addition was added to the rear elevation of the school. This section rests on a random-rubble stone foundation and is constructed of five-course American bond. The double-hung windows in this section are similar to the original block.

To the southeast of the school, is the Isaiah Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, which was constructed circa 1990. This building has a front-gable roof and a wood-frame structural system.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
___ 1600-1699	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ health/medicine	___ performing arts
___ 1700-1799	___ archeology	___ education	___ industry	___ philospohy
___ 1800-1899	_X_ architecture	___ engineering	___ invention	___ politics/government
_X_ 1900-1999	___ art	___ entertainment/	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 2000-	___ commerce	recreation	___ law	___ science
	___ communications	_X_ ethnic heritage	___ literature	___ social history
	_X_ community planning	___ exploration/	___ maritime industry	___ transportation
	___ conservation	settlement	___ military	___ other:

Specific dates	1873	**Architect/Builder**	Thomas Dixon/Samuel Miller
Construction dates	1873		

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____ Maryland Register _X_ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Monkton School is located in Monkton on Monkton Road in the Tenth District of Baltimore County. The Tenth District is highly agricultural with over 48 square miles within its boundaries. In 1881, it was noted to having a population of 2,374, which was down by 192 since the 1870 census.(1) The district is bounded by Harford County on the east, the Eleventh District on the south, Seventh and Eighth Districts on the west, and Seventh District on the north. Monkton developed as a station on the Northern Central Railway. In 1881, the village was approximately 20 miles from Baltimore City and contained a meager population of 40 people. In 1881, there were no African American schools listed in Monkton. The only two African American schools in the Tenth District were located in St. James and Sweet Air.(2)

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The Isaiah Baptist Church outgrew its original edifice and was offered the meeting hall used by the neighboring Monkton M.E. Church. The original church was demolished so a new fellowship hall could be built.

In 1861, Eli Zeigler and his wife conveyed to Abraham Young a parcel of land on Monkton Road on which the Isaiah Baptist Church stands. After 26 years, the property was transferred to Samuel Miller and his wife whom then sold the property to J. Bernard Harris. The property was deeded to Victoria Harris and others after J. Bernard's death sometime before 1902, at which time she conveyed the land to Isaiah Baptist Church.

ENDNOTES

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3. Baltimore County Inventory, Office of Planning, Towson.

CHAIN OF TITLE

3/16/1861 Eli Zeigler and wife to Abraham Young

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Liber G.H.C. 32 Folio 87

10/18/1887 Samuel Miller and wife to J. Bernard Harris
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber J.W.S. 169 Folio 496

10/15/1902 Victoria Harris et al to Isaiah Baptist Church
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber N.B.M. 265 Folio 109

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1 acre		
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown		
Quadrangle name	Phoenix, MD	Quadrangle scale	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Monkton School is located at 1931 Monkton Road in the village of Monkton in the Tenth District of Baltimore County. This building has been historically associated with tax map 29 parcel 158 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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Monkton School
Monkton, Baltimore County
Phoenix, MD USGS Map

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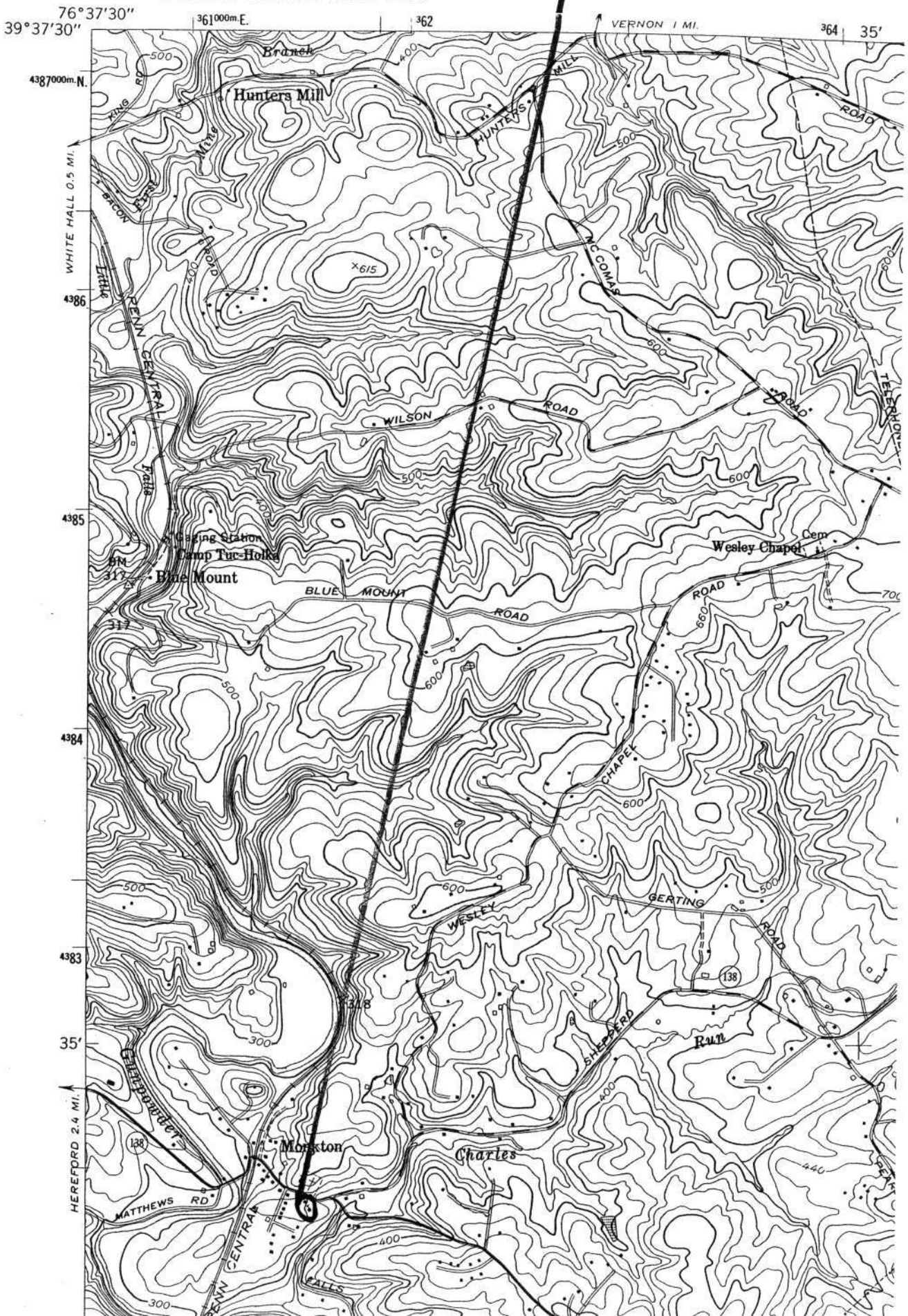

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BA-2102 **MONKTON SCHOOL (ISAIAH BAPTIST CHURCH)** - 1873 - West side of Monkton-Manor Road, Monkton. This brick building was one of the standard vernacular style schools originally designed by Thomas Dixon and was designated School 10, District 10 in the 1873 report of the Board of School Commissioners. The contractor was Samuel Miller, chief businessman of Monkton. Original measurements were 45 by 24-½ feet and there were two rooms and a vestibule. In 1936 the Board of Education sold it for $500.00 to Monkton M. E. Church, which used it as a meeting hall. In recent years, it has been used by Isiah Baptist Church, a black congregation which outgrew its old church on an adjoining lot.